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Geography Division Capabilities Relative to the NIS Program

1. I wish to make known to you certain information regarding Geography Division capabilities to undertake NIS work already scheduled and proposed, in order that you may inform the AD/BI at an appropriate time concerning our lack of capabilities for the newly proposed program of "Annuals".

2. The preparation of the Section 19 portion of the Chapter I Annual for NIS 14 (Poland) indicates that the number of Geography Division manhours required both for the preparation of the CIA contribution and for the coordination of an "annual" will probably equal or exceed that for the average original Section 19.

3. The number of Geography Division manhours spent on the Annual for Poland is as follows:

Coordinator: 41 hours
Analyst: 26 hours

4. The following table gives for each of the 8 original Sections 19 forwarded to CBI since January 1957 the Geography Division manhours spent in the preparation of the CIA contribution and in the coordination.

<u>NIS Area</u>	<u>Coordinator*</u>	<u>Analyst*</u>
27 Turkey	64	24
23 Bulgaria	33	43
5 Belgium	31	24
3 France	21	15
39B Nationalist China	51	41
30 Iraq	48	47
22 Rumania	42	42
6 Luxembourg	20	16

*Note that the coordination time required ranges from 20 to 64 manhours (averaging 38.75) and the analyst's time from 15 to 47 hours (averaging 31.5).

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5. The non-CIA contributors to Chapter IX report that the manhours spent in the preparation of the Annual for Poland are as follows:

ARMY: Army Map Service and Military Geology Branch.....	215
Signal Intelligence Agency.....	45
AIR FORCE: Aeronautical Chart and Information Center.....	61
Air Weather Service.....	39
USNHO: Chart Construction.....	8
Oceanography (No contribution; see paragraph 6)	—
TOTAL.....	368

NOTE: The above figures do not include the time spent in checking questions raised during the coordination process.

6. The Division of Oceanography, U.S. Navy Hydrographic Office, did not submit contributions to the Annual for Poland because they had neither the personnel nor budget to absorb this additional requirement. A memorandum to this effect is being forwarded by the Division of Oceanography to the Navy NIS member.

7. It is apparent that the newly proposed Chapter I Annual Program, as originally outlined in scope, content and numbers, will require additional personnel in the agencies contributing to and coordinating the Annuals for Section 19. Even if the production schedule were trimmed so that only 12 were produced each year, additional personnel would be needed. In other words, the Geography Division cannot -- with its present personnel resources -- undertake new NIS work. An amount of capability could be found in a relaxation of the present NIS requirement for the production of 8 Chapters IX and 8 (plus) Sections 19 of Chapter I.

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